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### Latest snapshot of the Northern Territory and its regions

Males continue to outnumber females in the Northern Territory according to the latest snapshot of the Territory and its regions.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publication, **Regional Statistics, Northern Territory, 2006**, was released today and includes both ABS data and information from other organisations.

Highlights of the publication include:

- Males continued to significantly outnumber females in the NT, with 113 males for every 100 females, compared to 98.9 males for every 100 females nationally at 30 June 2004.
- In 2005 there were 40,265 traffic infringement notices issued by police in the NT, up 59% from five years earlier. Exceeding the speed limit remained the most common type of traffic infringement.
- The leading cause of death in both the non-Indigenous and Indigenous populations over the five years to 2004 was "diseases of the circulatory system" (28%).
- The greatest increase in the cost of an average basket of goods during the five years to December 2005 was recorded in Alice Springs (up 7%), followed by Darwin and Katherine (both up 6%). Nhulunbuy recorded a decrease of 2%.
- In 2005 Tourism NT recorded 1.4 million visitors to the NT, an increase of 2% from 2004. Of these, 56% visited the Top End Tourism Area, 45% the Central Area, 20% the Katherine Area and 8% the Barkly Area.
- In 2004-05, Darwin City Council recorded the highest total revenue (\$51m) of the seven municipalities in the NT and had the highest level of total expenses (\$52m). Over the same period the greatest increase in expenditure was recorded by the Jabiru and Alice Springs municipalities (up 16% and 12% respectively), while Palmerston municipality recorded a decrease (down 9%).

NT Regional Director for the ABS, Robyn Elliott, said: "This latest edition of Regional Statistics, Northern Territory gives a fascinating overview of the Territory and should prove a valuable resource to government, business and others with an interest in how the NT has changed in recent years'.

Further details are available electronically in **Regional Statistics, Northern Territory, 2006** (cat. no. 1362.7) from the ABS web site [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au).

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